

## The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

**Save the Date!**

### Aortic Symposium 2010

**April 29–30, 2010**

**Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers  
New York, New York**

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#### Program Overview:

Aortic Symposium 2010 is a two-day symposium focused on the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment of aortic aneurysms and dissections. This conference is designed for cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons, residents, perfusionists, ICU and OR nurses, and those involved with the care of individuals with aortic disease. The faculty consists of world leaders in this field who have been invited to share their experience regarding difficult problems in aortic disease.

#### Call for Abstracts:

The Call for Abstracts Web site will open during the summer of 2009. When this occurs, select the Abstract/Video Submission Link. Specific instructions for abstract/video submission are located on the submission Web site, including how to submit graphs or charts.

Authors submitting abstracts/videos for AORTIC SYMPOSIUM 2010 must use electronic submission ONLY.

**Abstracts/Videos must be received by Friday, December 11, 2009, by 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.**

Visit [www.aats.org/aortic](http://www.aats.org/aortic) to learn more about Aortic Symposium 2010.

### AATS Meetings and Sponsored Events

#### February

**February 5–9, 2010**

**The Tenth Annual International Symposium on  
Congenital Heart Disease**

Renaissance Vinoy Resort  
St Petersburg, Florida, USA

**February 27, 2010**

**AATS/ASCVTS/IACS Postgraduate Course**

The Ashok  
New Delhi, India

#### March

**March 21–26, 2010**

### 15th Annual Update on Cardiopulmonary Bypass

Fairmont Chateau  
Whister, BC, Canada

#### April

**April 29–30, 2010**

**Aortic Symposium 2010**

Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers  
New York City, New York, USA

#### May

**May 1–5, 2010**

**AATS 90th Annual Meeting**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

### 2010 AATS Academy Applications Now Available

**Thursday Evening and Friday, April 29 & 30, 2010,  
Toronto, ON, Canada** (*Held immediately prior to the  
AATS Annual Meeting*)

Applications are now available for the 2010 AATS Academy. The AATS Academy is an intensive didactic and interactive program for surgeons showing significant promise as potential future division chiefs or who have recently assumed the role of division chief. For additional information regarding the Academy please visit [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org). Interested applicants should meet the following qualifications before applying:

- Achieved the rank of Associate Professor
- Active/successful clinical surgeon
- Evidence of local institutional and/or state/regional leadership ability
- Evidence of academic productivity including peer-reviewed publications and presentations at regional or national scientific meetings
- Funded research is preferable but not essential

Applications for consideration must be submitted electronically at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org) by **December 1, 2009**. Academy participants will be selected by the Academy Committee and notified no later than February 5, 2010. The number of available slots is limited.

### Applications for Membership Now Available Online

Applications for 2010 AATS Membership are now available with a deadline for submission of **November 30, 2009**. Applications received after the deadline will be automatically deferred until 2011. To apply for membership, a current member of the Association must act as the primary sponsor by initiating the application process in the Members Only area of the AATS Web site.

Although there are few hard and fast rules required for membership, the Association continues to look for surgeons from around the world with significant professional stature

who possess exceptional clinical performance and have made significant contributions to the specialty with emphasis on the publication of scientific material in peer-reviewed English-language journals. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the membership requirements and guidelines by visiting the AATS Web site at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org).

## 2010 Summer Intern Scholarship Applications Now Available

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) Summer Intern Scholarship program introduces the field of cardiothoracic surgery to first- and second-year medical students from North American medical institutions. By pro-

viding an opportunity to spend 8 weeks during the summer working in an AATS member's cardiothoracic surgery department, the summer intern scholarship provides medical students with insight into the scientific investigation and study of cardiothoracic surgery.

A grant of \$4,000 is provided to successful applicants to underwrite their living expenses during the 8 weeks of guidance at the selected host institution. Additionally, all awardees will receive complimentary registration to the Association's 2010 Annual Meeting and postgraduate courses taking place May 1–5 in Toronto, ON, Canada.

For more information and to submit an application, please visit the AATS Web site at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org). Application Deadline: January 15, 2010.

## The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

### Applications for Membership

Applications for membership in the Association must be received by the Membership Committee Chair no later than March 1, 2010 to be considered at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Applicants must be sponsored by three members of the Association who are not members of the Membership

Committee. Application forms will be issued only to sponsoring members.

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## The American Board of Thoracic Surgery

### Notices

The part I (written) examination was held on December 3. It is planned that this examination will be given at multiple sites throughout the United States using an electronic format. The closing date for registration is August 1 each year. Those wishing to be considered for examination must apply online at [www.abts.org](http://www.abts.org).

To be admissible for the Part II (oral) examination, a candidate must have successfully completed the Part I (written) examination.

A candidate applying for admission to the certifying examination must fulfill all the requirements of the Board in force at the time the application is received. Please address all communications to the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, 633 North St Clair Street, Suite 2320, Chicago, IL 60611 (telephone: 312-202-5900).

### Requirements for Maintenance of Certification

Diplomates of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) who plan to participate in the Maintenance of Cer-

tification (MOC) process must hold an unrestricted medical license in the locale of their practice and privileges in a hospital accredited by the JCAHO (or other organization recognized by the ABTS). In addition, a valid ABTS certificate is an absolute requirement for entrance into the Maintenance of Certification process. If your certificate has expired, the only pathway for renewal of a certificate is to take and pass the Part I (written) and the Part II (oral) certifying examinations.

The names of individuals who have not maintained their certificate will no longer be published in the American Board of Medical Specialties Directories. Diplomates' names will be published upon successful completion of the Maintenance of Certification process.

The CME requirements are 30 Category I credits earned during each year prior to application. At least half of these CME hours need to be in the broad area of thoracic surgery. Category II credits are not allowed. Interested individuals should refer to the Booklet of Information for Maintenance of Certification for a complete description of acceptable CME credits. Diplomates will be expected to submit verification of CME earned.

Diplomates in the Maintenance of Certification process will need to provide a summary of their major cases performed during the year prior to application. The practice review should not exceed 100 cases.